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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 25th Day of *May* 1758, and concluded the 5th Day of *June* thereafter.

I.

The King's Commission to *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, produced, and ordered to be recorded.

Edinburgh, May 25th, 1758, Sess. 1st.

THE General Assembly of this National Church being conveened and constituted, there was produced to them, by the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, the King's Commission, sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission granted to his Lordship the last Year, and the Years 1755 and 1756; which Commission was publicly read with all due Honour and Respect, and ordered to be recorded in the Books of Assembly.

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The King's moſt gracious Letter to the General Aſſembly, preſented to them by his Majeſty's Commiſſioner.

Edinburgh, May 25th, 1758, *Seſſ.* 1.

Supra ſcribitur. GEORGE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet you well. Being fully convinced, from the Experience We have had of your prudent Conduct and Management, in former Aſſemblies, that you are now come together, with the ſame laudable Views and Diſpoſitions of doing every Thing in your Power for the Advancement of true Religion and Piety; and being thoroughly ſatisfied of your ſteady Loyalty, Zeal and Affection for Our Perſon and Government, We moſt readily concur, from theſe Motives, in your preſent Meeting, and countenance the ſame with Our Royal Authority and Approbation, and renew to you the Aſſurances We have ſo often given, of Our unalterable Reſolution to ſupport the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law eſtabliſhed, in the moſt perfect and full Enjoyment of all its juſt Rights and Privileges.

We have again made choice of our Right Truſty and Well-beloved *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, to repreſent Our Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, whoſe experienced Zeal for Our Service, and whoſe Abilities, for the Execution of ſo important a Truſt, as well as affectionate Concern for the Welfare and Proſperity of the Church of *Scotland*, are too well known to you, to leave any Doubt of his being very acceptable to you, or that you will not unanimouſly concur in every Thing that may moſt effectually conduce to the Attainment of the great and deſirable Ends for which you are at preſent aſſembled. And ſo We bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the ninteenth Day of *May*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty-eight, in the thirty-firſt Year of Our Reign.

By His Majeſty's Command,

HOLDERNESSE.

III. The

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The General Aſſembly's Anſwer to the King's moſt gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 27th, 1758, *Seſſ.* 3.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

YOUR Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter to this Aſſembly was received with that humble Reſpect and Gratitude which become loyal Subjects, juſtly ſenſible of the Happineſs they enjoy under the beſt of Sovereigns.

As it gives us the greateſt Joy, ſo we eſteem it our higheſt Honour, that our Zeal for true Religion, and ſteady Loyalty to your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, have been ſo often and ſo ſtrongly approved by your Majeſty.

Your Majeſty's countenancing this Meeting with your Royal Authority and Approbation, is a freſh Proof of that Regard you have always ſhewn to the Welfare of this Church, and of your unalterable Reſolution to ſupport her, as by Law eſtabliſhed, in the moſt perfect and full Enjoyment of all her juſt Rights and Privileges.

The Aſſurance we have received from your High Commiſſioner, of your Majeſty's pious Deſign of renewing your Donation for maintaining itinerant Preachers and Catechiſts in the Highlands and Iſlands of *Scotland*, we accept with all Gratitude, and ſhall endeavour to employ the ſame in ſuch a Manner as may moſt effectually anſwer your Royal Intention.

Your Majeſty's having again made choice of the Lord *Cathcart* to repreſent your ſacred Perſon in this Aſſembly, we conſider as a renewed Inſtance of your paternal Goodneſs: Experienced Zeal for your Majeſty's Service does ſo eminently adorn his Character; diſtinguiſhed Abilities for the Execution of ſo important a Truſt; and affectionate Concern for the Welfare of this Church, and for all her Intereſts, of which we have had ſuch ſignal Proofs, have ſo uniformly ſhone forth in all his Conduct, that no one can be more acceptable to us.

It ſhall, by divine Grace, be our moſt ſincere Endeavour, agreeably to what your Majeſty has graciouſly recommended, unanimouſly to concur in every Thing that may moſt effectually conduce to the great and deſirable Ends for which we are now aſſembled.

That the King of Kings may pour down his beſt Bleſſings upon your Majeſty's Perſon and Family; that your precious Life may be long preſerv'd; that divine Wiſdom may inſpire all your Councils; and that Almighty Strength may go forth with your Arms; that God may abundantly bleſs their Royal Highneſſes *George* Prince of *Wales*, the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princeſſes, and all your Royal Family; and that, after a long and happy Reign on Earth, he may receive you to the Manſions of Glory and Immortality; and that a Race of Kings, of your Royal Line, Guardians of Religion, Liberty, and their Country, may always ſway the Scepter over theſe Lands, are the ſincere and hearty Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt dutiful, and moſt loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Edinburgh, 27th *May*, 1758.

Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by

THOMAS TURNBULL, Moderator.

IV.

Act declaring Mr. *Thomas Boſton*, late Miniſter at *Oxnam*, incapable of receiving or accepting a Preſentation or Call to any Pariſh in this Church, without the ſpecial Allowance of the General Aſſembly.

Edinburgh, May 30th, 1758, *Seſſ.* 5.

THERE was tranſmitted to the General Aſſembly, from their Committee for Bills, a Reference from the Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, concerning the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Boſton*,

Boston, who had deserted his Charge of the Parish of *Oxnam*, and set up a separate Meeting in the Parish of *Jedburgh*, containing an Overture given in to them by a Committee of their Number, and the Synod's Approbation thereof, bearing, that Mr. *Boston*'s Conduct deserved severe Censure; but that, in order to give Weight to any Censure which may be inflicted, they proposed the Authority of the General Assembly of this Church should be interposed; and therefore had appointed the Presbytery of *Jedburgh* to transmit to this Assembly, Extracts from their Records, of the Demission given in to them by Mr. *Boston*, and of their Deliverance thereupon; and that the Presbytery should cause summon Mr. *Boston* to compear before this Assembly, in order to their giving a final Judgment or Direction in the Affair as they shall see Cause. Upon the reading of the above Reference, the Presbytery of *Jedburgh* being enquired at, with respect to the Appointment laid upon them by the Synod, represented, that, in Obedience thereto, they had ordered Mr. *Boston* to be summoned to this Assembly: And an Execution being produced and read, of his being accordingly summoned, he was called, but did not compear; then the Assembly caused to be read the Minutes of the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, dated the 7th of December last, containing a Demission given in to them by Mr. *Boston*, of his Charge at *Oxnam*: And a Question being moved, how far it was proper for the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale* to have taken up this Affair, and to have brought it immediately before the Assembly, that Part of the 4. Act of Assembly 1739, concerning Ministers who secede from this Church, which directs the several Judicatories in their Method of Procedure in such Cases, was read. After some Reasoning, the General Assembly did agree, in respect of the particular Circumstances attending this Cause, to take Mr. *Boston*'s Demission under their Consideration, together with the Proceedings of the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, relating to him; whereby the Assembly finds, that the said Mr. *Thomas Boston* has declared himself to be no Minister of this Church, and that he will not hold Communion with her Judicatories; and therefore they did, without a Vote, and hereby do declare, that he is incapable of receiving or accepting of a Presentation or Call to any Parish in this Church, without the special Allowance of some future General Assembly: And the General Assembly do hereby prohibite all the Ministers of this Church from employing him to preach or perform any ministerial Offices for them, or from being employed by him, unless some future Assembly shall see Cause to take off this Prohibition. And Mr. *Boston* being called, and not compearing, the above Sentence was publicly read.

V. Act

V.

Act anent Presbyteries neglecting to ſend up their Opinions on Overtures tranſmitted to them.

Edinburgh, June 3d, 1758, Seſſ. 9.

THE General Aſſembly conſidering, that a great many Presbyteries neglect to ſend up their Opinions concerning Overtures tranſmitted to them, whereby the Conſideration and Enacting of ſeveral Overtures has been poſtponed, do hereby enact, That when any Overture hath been twice tranſmitted, the General Aſſembly will, without further Tranſmiſſion, take them into Conſideration, and paſs them into Acts, or reject them, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, altho' Presbyteries have not ſent up their Opinions.

VI.

Act anent parochial Schools.

Edinburgh, June 3d, 1758, Seſſ. 9.

THERE was tranſmitted to the General Aſſembly, from the Committee for Overtures, a Repreſentation by the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, ſetting forth, That by divers Laws and Acts of Parliament, particularly the 17th Act of the Parliament 1646, and 26th Act of the Parliament 1696, it is ſtatute and ordained, that there be a School ſettled, and a Schoolmaſter appointed in every Pariſh; and for that Effect that a commodious Houſe be provided for a School, and a Salary modified for the Schoolmaſter, not under 100 Merks, nor above 200 Merks, to be paid by the Heretors and Liferenters, according to their Valuations, and to be laid on and uplifted in Manner mentioned in the foreſaid Acts: And particularly by the ſaid Acts it is provided, That if the Heretors of the Pariſh ſhall not conveen and agree amongſt themſelves anent the Premiſſes, that the

the Commiſſioners of Supply, or any five of them, upon Application from the Presbytery, ſhall have Power to ſettle a School, and modify a Salary to the School-maſter, as aforeſaid. That, notwithſtanding of the above quoted, and other Acts of Parliament, as well as ſeveral Acts of the Privy Council of *Scotland*, to the ſame Purpoſe, the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, are ſorry to find, that in no leſs than 175 Pariſhes, within the Bounds of 39 Presbyteries, where the Society's Schools are erected, Parochial Schools are not yet erected, and of theſe Pariſhes the Society have given in a Liſt, founded on the Information of the Presbyteries in which the Pariſhes ly. The Society are extremely ſenſible, that it would be improper for them to point out to the Aſſembly the fatal Conſequences of this Neglect; theſe muſt occur to every Perſon who conſiders of how much Conſequence it is to train up the Youth of this, or of any Country, in Learning and Chriſtian Knowledge. The Society are alſo unwilling to ſuggeſt to the Aſſembly, to what Cauſes, at leaſt in ſome Places, this Neglect may be owing. They are ſorry to ſay, that thoſe for whoſe Benefit this ſalutary Regulation was principally deſigned, are not always ſo ready and willing as they ought to be, to carry it into Execution, although the Burden it lays upon them is ſo extremely ſmall, as to bear no Proportion to the Benefit derived from it. The Society have done every Thing in their Power to have this Neglect remedied; ſo far as their Influence has reached, they have excited all concerned to comply with ſo reaſonable a Demand; they have done more, they have threatened to withdraw their Charity Schools from thoſe Pariſhes who neglect or refuſe to provide Parochial ones; they have paſſed an Act to that Purpoſe, and have notified the ſame to every Presbytery where their Schools ly. It was never ſurely the Intention of the Donors, nor of the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, to ſubſtitute their Charity Schools in Place of Parochial Schools, which are by Law appointed to be eſtabliſhed through the whole Country. It will eaſily occur to the Aſſembly, that there is Work enough for both. As it is but too certain, that in many Places the Heretors are backward in raiſing and eſtabliſhing Parochial Schools; and as by the Acts already quoted in every Caſe when that happens, the Remedy is by an Application from the Presbytery to the Commiſſioners of Supply, the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge thought it their Duty to apply to the Aſſembly, that, by their Authority, it may be recommended to every Presbytery through *Scotland* to inquire, whether or not a Parochial School is eſtabliſhed in every Pariſh within their Bounds; and in every Inſtance where that

ſhall not be found to be the Caſe, that an immediate Application be made by the Presbytery, to the Commiſſioners of Supply, to have a Parochial School forthwith eſtabliſhed in that Pariſh: And as they conceive this Affair to be of the laſt Conſequence to the Intereſts of Learning, Religion, and Virtue, and to the Peace and Proſperity of the Country, the Society beg Leave further to ſuggeſt, that the Reſult of the above Enquiry and Requiſition be forthwith notified to the Procurator and Agent for the Church, that under their Direction a Proceſs may, in Name of the particular Presbytery, and of the Procurator, be, in caſe of Neceſſity, immediately commenced, for having a School erected in that Pariſh, and that the Expence of theſe Proceſſes, which cannot be conſiderable, as the Law is clear, and as one Summons will do for all the Pariſhes within the ſame Presbytery, may be defrayed out of the Church's Funds. The General Aſſembly having heard the ſaid Repreſentation read, with the Opinion of the Committee for Overtures thereupon, do hereby appoint the ſeveral Presbyteries of this Church to enquire whether or not a Parochial School is eſtabliſhed in every Pariſh in their Bounds, and, where ſuch Schools are wanting, the Presbyteries concerned are hereby appointed to make Application to the Commiſſioners of Supply for having Parochial Schools, with legal Salaries, erected in every Pariſh, as the Law directs. And the General Aſſembly appoint the Procurator and Agent for the Church, at the public Charge, to commence and carry on all Proceſſes neceſſary for having the Laws reſpecting Parochial Schools put in Execution.

VII.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders, for diſcuſſing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, June 5th, 1758. *Seſſ. Ult.*

THE General Aſſembly conſidering, that there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commiſſionate, and appoint the Rev. Mr. Thomas Turnbull, Miniſter at *Borthwick*, their Moderator: And, from the Preſbytery of *Meigle*, Mr.

Mr. John Robertſon at *Alyth*, Mr. James Spankie at *Coupar*, Mr. David Thomſon at *Airlie*, Miniſters; Mr. Patrick Alliſon at *Newhall*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Forfar*, Mr. John Young at *Inverarity*, Mr. James Donaldſon at *Glammis*, Miniſters; Mr. George Dempſter of *Dunichen* Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Forfar*, Mr. John Swinton Junior, Advocate: From the Preſbytery of *Dundee*, Mr. John Stewart at *Tealing*, Mr. Gerſhom Carmichael at *Dundee*, Mr. George Swan at *Lundie*, Miniſters; Provoſt Robertſon in *Dundee*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Aberbrothwick*, Mr. Thomas Craig at *Guthrie*, Mr. John Carnegie at *Inverkillor*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Earl of *Northesk* Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Brechin*, Mr. David Blair at *Brechin*, Mr. Patrick Turnbull at *Strickathrow*, Mr. William Cruden at *Logie*, Miniſters; Bailie Lauchlan Moriſon, Merchant in *Montroſe*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Fordoun*, Mr. Alexander Shank at *Arbuthnot*, Mr. Alexander Forbes at *Fetteresſo*, Mr. Robert Allardice at *Glenbervie*, Miniſters; Robert Scott of *Duninald* Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Aberdeen*, Mr. Archibald Napier at *Marycoutter*, Mr. John Lumſden Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, Mr. Thomas Forbes at *Aberdeen*, Mr. John Maxwell at *Newmachar*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Lord *Preſtongrange*, and Alexander Robertſon of *Glaſgowego*, preſent Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, Ruling Elders: King's College, Mr. Robert Pollock, Principal of the Mariſchal College of *Aberdeen*: Mariſchal College, Mr. Alexander Gerard Profeſſor of Philoſophy in the ſaid College: From the Preſbytery of *Kincardin-o-niel*, Mr. Robert Michie at *Clunie*, Mr. Murdo M'Lennan at *Crathie*, Mr. Thomas Mitchel at *Tarland*, Miniſters; Sir Arthur Forbes of *Craigievar*, Bart. Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Alford*, Mr. James Lumſden at *Towie*, Mr. Alexander Strachan at *Keig*, Mr. John Lumſden at *Strathdon*, Miniſters, the Moſt Hon. the Marquis of *Lothian* Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Ellon*, Mr. James Roſe at *Logiebuchan*, Mr. Andrew Moir at *Ellon*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Garioch*, Mr. Robert Farquhar at *Chapel* of *Garioch*, Mr. Alexander Stewart at *Leſlie*, Mr. Patrick Simpſon at *Inverury*, Miniſters; Mr. David Dalrymple Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Deer*, Mr. William Taylor at *New Deer*, Mr. James Walker at *Peterhead*, Mr. John Smith at *Strichen*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Turreff*, Mr. George Gordon at *Drumblade*, Mr. Alexander Orem at *Montwhiter*, Miniſters; George Ironſide Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Fordice*, Mr. Walter Morriſon at *Deskford*, Mr. James Lautie at *Fordice*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Lord *Edgefield* Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Strathbogie*,

Strathbogie, Mr. Alexander Chambers at *Cairnie*, Mr. Roger Moodie at *Gartley*, Miniſters; Thomas Innes Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Aberlour*, Mr. Hugh Grant at *Knockando*, Mr. Thomas Johnſton at *Boharm*, Miniſters; William Stewart in *Aberlour* Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Abernethy*, Mr. William Blair at *Kinguiſſie*, Mr. Patrick Grant at *Cromdale*, Miniſters; Lauchlan Grant Writer in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder; From the Preſbytery of *Elgin*, Mr. Alexander Irvine at *Elgin*, Mr. Alexander Watt at *Alves*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Forres*, Mr. Robert Dunbar at *Dyke*, Mr. Robert Dalrymple at *Dallas*, Miniſters; John Dunbar of *Balnageith* Ruling Elder; From the Preſbytery of *Inverneſs*, Mr. Murdoch M'Kenzie at *Inverneſs*, Mr. James Calder at *Croy*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Chanonry*, Mr. John Wood at *Roſemarkie*, Mr. Robert Munro at *Kilmuir Weſter*, Miniſters; Mr. James Robertſon Profeſſor of Oriental Languages in the College of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Tain*, Mr. John Sutherland at *Tain*, Mr. George Balfour at *Tarbat*, Miniſters; Sir John Gordon of *Invergordon*, Bart. Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Tain*, Mr. David Roſs younger of *Inverchaſsley* Advocate: From the Preſbytery of *Dingwal*, Mr. John M'Lennan at *Contane*, Mr. David Chiſholm at *Kilmorack*, Miniſters; Albert Munro of *Coul*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Abertarph*, Mr. William Grant at *Kilmanivaig*, Mr. John Sutherland at *Kilmalie*, Miniſters; Mr. Francis Grant Merchant in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Skie*, Mr. Daniel M'Queen at *Kilmuir*, Mr. Donald Nicolſon at *Strath*, Miniſters, Alexander M'Leod of *Ulliniſh* Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Lewis*, Mr. John Clark at *Stornavoy*, Mr. Norman Moriſon at *Uig*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Uiſt*, Mr. Lauchlan M'Lean at *Bara*, Mr. Kenneth M'Aulay at *Harris*, Miniſters, William Roſs Writer in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder; From the Preſbytery of *Gairloch*, Mr. John Bethune at *Glenſhiel*, Mr. Donald M'Leod at *Glenelg*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Dornoch*, Mr. Martin M'Pherſon at *Golſpie*, Mr. Hugh Roſs at *Kildonan*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Tong*, Mr. George Munro at *Farr*, Mr. John M'Kay at *Edrachillis*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Caithneſs*, Mr. James Ferme at *Wick*, Mr. Alexander Nicolſon at *Thurſo*, Miniſters; Mr. William Halawell Preacher of the Goſpel, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Kirkwall*, Mr. John Bannatyne at *Burray*, Mr. Matthew Cleghorn at *Dearneſs*, Miniſters; James Sutherland of *Windbreak* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Kirkwall*, Jerom Denniſon of *Noutland*: From the Preſbytery of *Cairſton*, Mr. James Tyrie at *Stromneſs*, Mr. John Reid at *Orphir*, Miniſters;

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the Right Hon. the Earl of Mortoun Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *North-Iſles*, Mr. James Weir at *Rouſay*, Mr. Thomas Lyle at *Lady-Pariſh*, Miniſters; Mr. Andrew Roſs Factor for the Earl of *Mortoun*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Zetland*, Mr. Thomas Miller at *Lerwick*, Mr. William Mitchel at *Tingwal*, Miniſters: From the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Mr. Alexander Webſter at *Edinburgh*, Mr. Robert Walker there, Mr. John Jardine there, Mr. Robert Dick there, Mr. Thomas White at *Libberton*, Mr. William Wilkie at *Ratho*, Miniſters; Mr. Charles Hope Vere of *Craigiehall*, Sir Alexander Dick of *Prieſtfield*, and Bailie Robert Forreſter Merchant in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elders: City of *Edinburgh*, Robert Montgomery, Eſq; preſent Lord Provoſt thereof, and Thomas Simpſon Peutherer, preſent Conveener of the trades there: Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, Mr. Robert Hamilton Profeſſor of Divinity therein: Church of *Campvere*, Mr. James Yair miniſter; and Archibald M'Aulay, Eſq; late Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, Mr. John Wilkie at *Uphall*, Mr. Andrew Gloug at *Weſt-Calder*, Mr. Henry Lundie at *Abercorn*, Mr. John Dryſdale at *Kirkliſton*, Miniſters; Charles Addiſon Merchant in *Borrowſtounneſs*, and Mr. John Ritchie Preacher of the Goſpel, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Biggar*, Mr. John Brown at *Coulter*, Mr. John M'Caul at *Symingtoun*, Miniſters; Mr. William Denholm of *Birthwood*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Peebles*, Mr. Chriſtopher Cairns at *Tweedſmuir*, Mr. William Anderſon at *Manner*, Miniſters; Mr. James Montgomery Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dalkeith*, Mr. Patrick Simpſon at *Fala*, Mr. Ebenezer Brown at *Pennycook*, Mr. William Mackie at *Primroſe*, Miniſters; Mr. Robert Dundas of *Arniſtoun*, his Majeſty's Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Haddington*, Mr. Charles Cunningham at *Tranent*, Mr. William Robertſon at *Gladſmuir*, Mr. Robert Dundas at *Humbie*, Miniſters; Mr. William Law of *Elvingſton* Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Haddington*, the Right Honourable the Lord Coalſtoun: From the Presbytery of *Dunbar*, Mr. David Smith at *Innerwick*, Mr. David Spence at *Cockburnspath*, Miniſters; Mr. James Hamilton Surgeon in *Dunbar*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dunbar*, Mr. William Gilloch, Maſter of the Grammar School there: From the Presbytery of *Dunſe*, Mr. William Hume at *Polwarth*, Mr. Robert Monteith at *Longformacus*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Earl of *Marchmont* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Chirnſide*, Mr. John Tod at *Lady-kirk*, Mr. George Cupples at *Swinton*, Mr. John Jolly at *Simprin*, Miniſters; Sir John Stewart of *Allanbank* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kelſo*,

Mr. Andrew Chatto at *Marbottle*, Mr. Robert Turnbull at *Sprouſtoun*, Miniſters; Mr. George Wallace Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, Mr. Robert Riccalton at *Hobkirk*, Mr. William Turnbull at *Abbotrule*, Mr. John Cranſton at *Ancrum*, Miniſters; Walter Elliot of *Ormiſtoun* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Erſiltoun*, Mr. John Bell at *Gordon*, Mr. David Duncan at *Stow*, Miniſters; Robert Kennedy at *Auchtifardle* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Lauder*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*: From the Presbytery of *Selkirk*, Mr. Walter Stewart at *Aſhkirk*, Mr. Alexander Glen at *Galaſhiels*, Miniſters; Mr. *Andrew Pringle* Advocate, his Majeſty's Sollicitor, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Selkirk*, Gideon Shaw of *Lauriſton*: From the Presbytery of *Annan*, Mr. Alexander Orr at *Hoddam*, Mr. James Gatt at *Gratney*, Miniſters; Alexander Orr Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Annan*, Provoſt John Johnſton: From the Presbytery of *Langholm*, Mr. John Dickie at *Langholm*, Mr. Simon Haliburton at *Caſtletoun*, Miniſters; Mr. William Johnſton Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, Mr. Edward Johnſton at *Moffat*, Mr. James Lorimer at *Mouſwald*, Mr. John Marſhal at *Dalton*, Miniſters: Mr. Robert Dalrymple Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Lochmaben*, Mr. William Kilpatrick of *Elieſland*, one of the principal Clerks of Seſſion: From the Presbytery of *Penpont*, Mr. Archibald Little at *Morton*, Mr. Robert Hunter at *Kirkconnel*, Miniſters; Mr. John Welſh in *Morton-mains*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Sanquhar*, the Right Hon. the Lord Shewalton: From the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, Mr. John Scot at *Dumfries*, Mr. James Hog at *Kirkbean*, Mr. William Sloan at *Dunſcore*, Miniſters; Mr. Andrew Crosbie Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dumfries*, Baillie Ebenezer Hepburn: From the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. David Forbes at *Borgue*, Mr. Robert Carſon at *Anwoth*, Mr. William Boyd at *Carſphairn*, Miniſters: Burgh of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. Robert Alexander Merchant in *Edinburgh*: From the Presbytery of *Wigtoun*, Mr. Alexander Gordon at *Glaſſerton*, Mr. Robert Walker at *Mochrum*, Miniſters: Mr. Alexander Agnew Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Wigtoun*, Dr. Alexander Martin of *Little Airies*: Presbytery of *Stranrawer*, Mr. Robert Finlay at *Inch*, Mr. James M'Culloch at *Kirkcolm*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Lord Bankton, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Ayr*, Mr. Robert Wait at *Galſtoun*, Mr. George Bannatyne at *Craigie*, Mr. David Shaw at *Coyltoun*, Mr. Andrew Mitchel at *Muirkirk*, Mr. George Muir at *Cumnock*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Lord Auchinleck, and Mr. James Stevenſon-Rogers Advocate, Ruling Elders: Burgh of *Ayr*, John Muir Writer

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to the Signet: From the Presbytery of *Irvine*, Mr. Malcolm Brown at *Kilbirnie*, Mr. Charles Bannatyne at *Irvine*, Mr. Gilbert Lang at *Largs*, Miniſters; John Cunningham of *Windiehall*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Irvine*, Mr. William Wallace *junior* Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Paiſley*, Mr. John Warner at *Kilbarchan*, Mr. James Lundie at *Erskine*, Mr. John Monteith at *Kilellan*, Mr. Alexander Crookſhanks at *Mearns*, Miniſters; Mr. Archibald Campbell of *Elderſlie*, Writer to the Signet, and Provoſt William Somerville *junior* Merchant in *Renfrew*, Ruling Elders: Burgh of *Renfrew*, Provoſt William Somerville *ſenior* Merchant there: From the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, Mr. Robert Park at *Weſt-monkland*, Mr. James Baillie at *Shotts*, Mr. Richard Robertſon at *Glasford*, Miniſters; John Wark of *Rinns*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, Mr. Andrew Orr at *Carluke*, Mr. Joſeph Hepburn at *Crawford*, Mr. William Nimmo at *Roberton*, Miniſters; James Hamilton of *Gilkerſcleugh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*, Mr. William Maxwell at *Rutherglen*, Mr. James Stirling at *Glaſgow*, Mr. John Ker at *Carmunock*, Miniſters; Thomas Napier, late Bailie of *Glaſgow*, Ruling Elder: City of *Glaſgow*, Archibald Ingram Merchant, and preſent Dean of Guild thereof: Univerſity of *Glaſgow*, Mr. William Leechman Profeſſor of Divinity therein: From the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, Mr. Andrew Gray at *New-Kilpatrick*, Mr. John Colquhoun at *Baldernock*, Mr. John Freebairn at *Dumbarton*, Miniſters; Sir James Colquhoun of *Luſs*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dunoon*, Mr. John M'Lea at *Lochgoilhead*, Mr. Richard Brown at *Kingarth*, Miniſters; Duncan Campbell of *South-hall*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Rothſay*, Mr. Matthew Stewart, Profeſſor of Mathematics in the College of *Edinburgh*: From the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, Mr. John M'Alpine at *Campbeltoun*, Mr. Gerſhom Stewart at *Kilbride*, Miniſters; Alexander M'Millan of *Dunmore*, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Inverary*, Mr. Alexander Campbell at *Inverary*, Mr. Lauchlan Campbell at *Craigniſh*, Miniſters; Colin Campbell of *Kilbride*, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lorn*, Mr. John M'Aulay at *Liſſmore*, Mr. Patrick Campbell at *Kelninver*, Miniſters; Mr. John Campbell younger of *Stonefield*, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Mull*, Mr. Donald Campbell at *Ardnamurchan*, Mr. Niel M'Leod at *Kilfinchen*, Miniſters; Hector M'Lean of *Torloisk*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, Mr. Adam Ferguſon at *Mouline*, Mr. Alexander M'Laggan at *Little Dunkeld*, Mr. Patrick Meek at *Monedie*, Mr. Robert Williamſon at *Lethundie*, Miniſters; his Grace

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the Duke of *Athole*, and the Right Hon. the Earl of *Broadalbine*, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Perth*, Mr. James Wemyss at *Errol*, Mr. David Black at *Perth*, Mr. Andrew Gray at *Abernethy*, Mr. Andrew Williamson at *Arngosk*, Ministers; Mr. Robert Craigie of *Glendoick*, Lord President of the Court of Session, and Mr. John Belches of *Innermay*, Advocate, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Stirling*, Mr. John Haly at *Clackmannan*, Mr. Robert Finlay at *Dollar*, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord Justice Clerk, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, Mr. James Porteous at *Monivaird*, Mr. Robert Drummond at *Auchterarder*, Mr. John Storer at *Fossoway*, Ministers; Mr. James Græme Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dunblane*, Mr. James Richardson at *Aberfoyle*, Mr. John Robertson at Dunblane, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord Napier, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dunfermline*, Mr. James Thomson at *Dunfermline*, Mr. James Bathgate at *Dalgettie*, Mr. Robert Liston at *Aberdour*, Ministers; Sir George Preston of *Valleyfield*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldie*, Mr. David Marshal at *Kirkcaldie*, Mr. Henry Moir at *Auchtertool*, Mr. Alexander Spears at *Abbotshall*, Ministers; Dr. White of *Bennochie*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Coupar*, Mr. Thomas Condie at *Dairsie*, Mr. Samuel West at *Logie*, Mr. David Hunter at *Monimail*, Mr. James Ballingall at *Colessie*, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Earl of *Leven*, and Andrew Barclay of *Pitaap*, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*, Mr. Thomas Tullideph, Principal of the United College in *St. Andrews*, Mr. David Beath at *Pittenweem*, Mr. James Gillespie at *St. Andrews*, Mr. John Chiesly at *St. Monance*, Ministers; Mr. James Dalgleish Advocate, and James Peat Merchant in *Anstruther-Easter*, Ruling Elders: University of *St. Andrews*, Mr. Andrew Shaw, Professor of Divinity in the New College of *St. Andrews*; with his Grace the Duke of *Argyle*; the most honourable the Marquis of *Tweeddale*; Sir Gilbert Elliot of *Minto*, one of the Senators of the College of Justice, and John Maul of *Inverkeilor*, Esq; one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elders: To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any thirty-one of the said Commissioners, whereof twenty-one are always to be Ministers, to meet and conveen within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; and thereafter the second *Wednesday* of *August*, third *Wednesday* of *November*, and the first *Wednesday* of *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient, with

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Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likeways, the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum* abovementioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church, and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, that no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets; and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force 'till disapproven by the General Assembly. And the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert; and that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality, and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likeways to take Care, that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorised by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct; and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered, to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformati-

on in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them, as above mentioned: And, in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, that in and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure until another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom are ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six. And for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet on any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meetings of this Commission; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same: And the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, that when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution, in that Case the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been sometimes the Practice; but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly doth further impower and direct the said Commission, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commissi-

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on, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.

VIII.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, and for managing his Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, June 5th, 1758, *Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Rev. Mr. *Thomas Turnbull* Minister at *Borthwick*, their Moderator, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph*, Principal of the united Colleges of *St. Salvator* and *St. Leonard*, in the University of *St. Andrews*, Mr. *James Muirison* Principal of the New College there, Mr. *Neil Campbell* Principal of the College of *Glasgow*, Mr. *John Gowdie* Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Robert Pollock* Principal of the Marishal College of *Aberdeen*. Mr. *Andrew Shaw* Professor of Divinity in the New College of *St. Andrews*, Mr. *Robert Hamilton* Professor of Divinity in the College of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *John Lumsden* Professor of Divinity in the *King's* College of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *William Leechman* Professor of Divinity in the College of *Glasgow*, Mr. *James Witherspoon* at *Yester*, one of his Majesty's Chaplains, all the Ministers Members of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Messrs. *David Plenderleath* at *Dalkeith*, *Patrick Simson* at *Fala*, *George Shipherd* at *Newbottle*, *Robert Dundas* at *Humbie*, *John Robertson* at *Alyth*, *Gershom Carmichael* at *Dundee*, *Robert Dalrymple* at *Dallas*, *Daniel M'Queen* at *Kilmuir*, *John M'Lea* at *Lochgoilhead*, *John M'Alpin* at *Campbeltoun*, *Patrick Campbell* at *Kilninver*, *Lauchlan Campbell* at *Craigniſh*, *David Blair* at *Brichen*, *Thomas Forbes* at *Aberdeen*, *Murdoch M'Lennan* at *Crathie*, *Alexander Stewart* at *Leslie*, *George Balfour* at *Tarbet*, *David Chisholm* at *Kilmorack*, *John Sutherland* at *Kilmalie*, *Alexander Nicolson* at *Thurso*, *John Wilkie* at *Uphall*, *John Johnston* at *Biggar*, *William Anderson* at *Manner*, *William Robertson*

ſon at *Gladſmuir*, *John Lundie* at *Abercorn*, *John Erskine* at *Culroſs*, *Daniel M'Queen* at *Stirling*, *Robert Riccalton* at *Hobkirk*, *David Duncan* at *Stow*, *David Shaw* at *Coylton*, *James Baillie* at *Shotts*, *John Colquhoun* at *Badernock*, *Donald Cambell* at *Ardnamurchan*, *James Thomſon* at *Dumfermline*, *David Marſhal* at *Kirkcaldy*, *James Gilleſpie* at *St. Andrews*, *John Sutherland* at *Taine*, *Duncan M'Farlane* at *Drymen*, Miniſters; His Grace *Archibald* Duke of *Argyle*, his Grace *James* Duke of *Athole*, the moſt Honourable the Marquis of *Tweeddale*, the moſt Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Marchmont*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Dumfries*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Broadalbine*, the Right Honourable the Lord *Somervile*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*, the Right Hon. *Robert Craigie* of *Glendoick*, Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion, the Right Honourable *Robert Dundaſs* of *Arniſtoun* Eſq; his Majeſty's Advocate, the Right Honourable the Lord Juſtice Clerk, *Alexander Fraſer* of *Strichen* Eſq; *Patrick Boyle* of *Shewalton* Eſq; *Alexander Boſwell* of *Auchinleck* Eſq; *Robert Pringle* of *Edgefield* Eſq; *William Grant* of *Preſtongrange* Eſq; *Andrew M'Dowall* of *Bankton* Eſq; *George Brown* of *Coalſtoun* Eſq; ſeven of the Senators of the College of Juſtice. Mr. *Charles Hope Vere* of *Craigiehall*, Mr. *Gilbert Elliot* of *Milyund* Advocate, *John Maul* of *Inverkeilor* Eſq; one of the Barons of Exchequer, Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Mr. *James Robertſon* Profeſſor of Oriental Languages in the College of *Edinburgh*, *Albert Monro* of *Coul*, Mr. *Andrew Pringle* Advocate, his Majeſty's Sollicitor, Doctor *Alexander Martine* of *Little-Airies*, Phyſician, Baillie *Archibald Ingram* Merchant in *Glaſgow*, Mr. *Alexander M'Millan* of *Dunmore* Writer to the Signet, *Hector M'Lean* of *Torloisk*, Mr. *Matthew Stewart* Profeſſor of Mathematicks in the College of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *William Sands* Bookſeller in *Edinburgh*, *William Roſs* Writer there, *John Paton* Bookſeller there, Baillie *William Tod* Merchant there, Mr. *Francis Grant* Merchant there, Mr. *Campbell* younger of *Stonefield*, Mr. *George Wallace* Advocate, *Robert Montgomery* Eſq; preſent Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, *Archibald M'Aulay* Eſq; late Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elders, to be a Committee of this Aſſembly, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands* of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, ſuppreſſing Popery and Profaneneſs, and for Managing the Royal Bounty given for theſe Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majeſty's Grant to this Aſſembly. In Proſecution of which Purpoſes the Committee are to appoint Preachers and Catechiſts, to go to ſuch Places as they ſhall find, upon due Information, to be moſt proper, according to his Majeſty's Deſign expreſſed in his Warrant: And

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they shall take Care, that the Persons they employ be certified and found, upon due Trial, to be properly qualified for these respective Offices, of good Abilities for the same, of a pious Life and Conversation, prudent, of undoubted Loyalty to his Majesty, and of competent Skill in the Principles of Divinity, and particularly in Popish Controversies: Such Preachers and Catechists being hereby appointed to be subject to, and under the Inspection of the Presbyteries of the Bounds to which they are sent, who are to take Care that the Orders of the Committee be duly observed by them: And the Preachers are also appointed to catechise, and both they and the Catechists to instruct the People from House to House, and to visit the Sick; and in all their Labours among the People, to be careful to teach them the Principles and Duties of the true Christian Protestant Religion, and the Obligations they are under to Duty and Loyalty to our Sovereign King *George*, and Obedience to the Laws; and the Committee are impowered to give them such Instructions as to their Work and Behaviour, as they shall judge meet; which Instructions the Preachers and Catechists are hereby ordered to obey. The General Assembly do further appoint the said Committee to have a particular Regard, in their Proceedings, to the Regulations agreed upon by the Committee of the Assembly for managing the Royal Bounty, on the 30th Day of *September* 1730, approven by subsequent Assemblies; and to take care that Presbyteries, and others concerned, observe the same, which they are hereby ordered to do; particularly the Assembly ordains the several Presbyteries to insert in their Registers the Committee's Appointments of the Designations, Salaries, and Stations of the several Missionaries, and to have an exact Regard thereto in all the Letters they shall write about the said Missionaries, and in giving of Certificates to them, and to direct all their Letters concerning Missionaries in their Bounds, only to the Moderator of the Committee; which Letters shall be signed, at the Appointment of the Presbytery, by the Moderator or Clerk thereof; and the Assembly does discharge any Payments to be made of the Salaries of Missionaries, except upon Receipts from the Missionaries themselves, and upon Certificates from the Presbyteries, bearing that they have served for the Time mentioned in the Receipts. The General Assembly do also impower the said Committee to apply, for the Purposes above mentioned, what may remain of the last Year's Royal Bounty not disposed of, by Reason of any of the Missionaries not fulfilling the Appointments laid upon them; and they are to keep a Register of their Proceedings, and likeways distinct Books of Accompts how the foresaid Money is bestowed, which

ſhall be patent to any concerned who pleaſe to inſpect the ſame. Of the Perſons above named as Members of this Committee, five are declared to be a Quorum, whereof three are to be Miniſters: But it is hereby appointed, that at the quarterly Meeting of the Committee, in which the Scheme or Eſtabliſhment of Miſſionaries for the enſuing Year is to be approved and determined, not leſs than 14 ſhall be the Quorum, whereof nine ſhall be Miniſters, and the ſaid Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, the laſt *Thurſday* of every Month, at four of the Clock Afternoon, and alſo the firſt lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four ſtated Diets of the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, except that Day ſhould fall to be *Saturday*, and then the Meeting ſhall be upon *Monday* next thereafter, at the ſaid Hour; with Power to the ſaid Committee to adjourn themſelves to ſuch Times and Places as they ſhall find moſt needful and convenient; and they are to keep a Correſpondence with the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, and the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors; and take their Advice and Aſſiſtance; and alſo to correſpond with Synods and Presbyteries concerned: They are likewiſe inſtructed and impowered, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, to apply to the Government, or any Magiſtrate, for Aſſiſtance and Support in carrying on the Deſign of the Commiſſion now given to them. And the General Aſſembly do, by theſe Preſents, nominate and appoint Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foreſaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the ſame as he ſhall be directed and ordered by the ſaid Committe, and according to their Rules. And the ſaid Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Diſtribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the ſame before the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, or the Barons of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Aſſembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Perſon once employed and inſert in the Scheme ſhall be ſtruck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at leaſt fourteen, whereof nine to be Miniſters; and in caſe any Complaint ſhall be made againſt any of them on the Scheme, it ſhall not be determined t the firſt ordinary Meeting that the ſame is offered, but ſhall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and in the mean Time the Perſon complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, ſhall be acquainted of ſuch Complaint, and theſe concerned be required to ſend to the ſaid Committee a juſt Account of the Matter, againſt their next Meeting.

Meeting. And it is further appointed, that after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled, in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answers to these Letters, at farthest with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not done sooner; and that the Committee, at their first Meeting after the General Assembly, in ease they do not compleat the next Year's Scheme themselves, shall name a Sub-committee of their Number for compleating the same, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a subsequent Meeting.

IX.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, June 5th, 1758, Sess. ult.

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is apointed to be held in this Place on the fourth *Thursday* of *May* next, being the 24th Day of that Month, in the Year 1759.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by
GEORGE WISHART, *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

Overtures.

Edinburgh, 5th *June* 1758,

THE General Assembly, in respect few Presbyteries have sent up Answers to the Overtures transmitted by last Assembly, agreed again to transmit the said Overtures to such Presbyteries as have neglected to send their Opinions thereon, to the End they may send up the same to the next General Assembly.

The Overtures are:

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AFTER Sermon by the Reverend Mr. *William Leechman*, Professor of Divinity in the University of *Glasgow*, Moderator of the last General Assembly, the Ministers and Ruling Elders, Members of this Assembly, did conveen in the Assembly House, and the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Turnbull*, Minister at *Borthwick*, being chosen Moderator, he, at the Assembly's Desire, took the Chair. *May* 25th *Sess.* 1

The King's Commission to *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, to represent his Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

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The Draught of an Answer to the King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly, brought in and approven, and his Grace the Commissioner, at the Assembly's Request, undertakes to transmit the same to his Majesty. *May* 27th *Sess.* 3.

The Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions brought in, repreſenting that the Commiſſion from the Preſbytery of *Kintyre*, bears, that that Presbytery, on the 3d of *March*, elected Mr. *John Hamilton* Miniſter at *Saddil*, as one of their Commiſſioners to this Aſſembly, but at an after Meeting, elected Mr. *Gerſhom Stewart* Miniſter at *Kilbride*, in regard Mr. *Hamilton* had, ſince his Election, laid himſelf open to Cenſure; The Opinion of the Committee for Overtures on the above Report, that the ſaid Commiſſion ly upon the Table 'till a Cauſe that comes from that Presbytery to the Aſſembly, be judged in, approven; and agreed that neither Mr. *Stewart* nor Mr. *Hamilton* ſtand on the Roll till that Cauſe be determined. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the late General Aſſembly, audite the Procurator and Agent's Accompts, conſider the State of public Money, and prepare Overtures about the ſame. *Ibid.*

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The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive in from the ſeveral Members any Inſtructions given to them by their reſpective Synods or Presbyteries, claſs the Matters therein contained, and prepare Overtures thereupon to the Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

A Complaint by the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, againſt a Sentence of the Commiſſion of the late General Aſſembly, ſuſtaining a Preſentation and Call to Mr. *John Douglas* Miniſter at *Kenmuir*, to be Miniſter of the Town and Pariſh of *Jedburgh*, and appointing the Presbytery of *Jedburgh* to proceed in a Proceſs for his Tranſportation from the Pariſh of *Kenmuir*, to be Miniſter of the Town and Pariſh of *Jedburgh*, brought in; with a Petition for the Callers of Mr. *Douglas*, reciting a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, tranſporting Mr. *Douglas* from *Kenmuir* to *Jedburgh*, leaving it to to the Presbytery of *Jedburgh* to admit him Miniſter of that Pariſh with all convenient Speed; with an Appeal taken to the Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, from the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, delaying the Settlement of Mr. *Douglas* till after the Meeting

Meeting of this Aſſembly; together with the Synod's Reference of the Cauſe *ſimpliciter* to the Aſſembly.---The foreſaid Complaint againſt the Commiſſion diſmiſſed; and the Presbytery of *Jedburgh* appointed to admit Mr. *Douglas* as Miniſter of the Town and Pariſh of *Jedburgh*, with the uſual Solemnities, betwixt and the End of *July* next, ſo as to be in Condition to report their having done ſo to the Commiſſion in *Auguſt*, or, failing of a *Quorum* of the Commiſſion in *Auguſt*, to the Commiſſion in *November* next: Every Miniſter of the Presbytery ordained to be preſent at the ſaid Admiſſion; and ſuch of them as ſhall be then abſent, declared to be *ipſo facto* ſiſted before the Commiſſion in *Auguſt* or *November* as above.---The Commiſſion impowered to judge of the Relevancy of their Excuſe, and, in caſe they find it not relevant, to inflict ſuch Cenſure as they ſhall judge proper; and the Commiſſion further impowered to take in and judge of any Complaint, Reference, or Appeal, that ſhall be made to them, relative to the Settlement of Mr. *Douglas* as Miniſter of *Jedburgh*. *May* 29th, *Seſſ.* 4.

Act declaring Mr. *Thomas Boſton*, late Miniſter at *Oxnam*, incapable of receiving or accepting a Preſentation or Call to any Pariſh in this Church, without the ſpecial Allowance of ſome future General Aſſembly. *May* 30th, *Seſſ.* 5.

An Appeal of Mr. *William Brown*, *Regius* Profeſſor of Divinity and Church Hiſtory in the Univerſity of *St. Andrews*, from a Judgment of the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*, pronounced on the 10th Current, delaying, till their next ordinary Meeting, the Conſideration of a Petition given in to them by Mr. *Brown*, craving to be inrolled a Member of that Presbytery, heard, and the Presbytery of *St. Andrews* appointed to receive and inroll Profeſſor *Brown* as a Member of their Presbytery, at their firſt Meeting. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Truſtees of the Fund for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows, *&c.* brought in, and ordered to lie on the Table till another Diet. *May* 31ſt, *Seſſ.* 6.

An Appeal of Mr. *James Stewart ſenior*, Miniſter at *Kilmory* in *Arran*, Mr. *John M'Alpine*, and Mr. *Gerſhom Stewart*, Miniſters, Members of the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, from a Sentence of the ſaid Presbytery, ſuſtaining a Preſentation to Mr. *James Stewart junior* of *Kilwhinlick*, late Miniſter in *Bute*, to be Aſſiſtant and Succeſſor to the ſaid Mr. *James Stewart ſenior*, as Miniſter of *Kilmory* in *Arran*, heard, containing a Complaint againſt Mr. *John Hamilton* Miniſter at *Skipneſs*, Mr. *Charles Stewart* Miniſter at *Campbeltown*, and Mr. *Robert Thomſon* at *Killean*, who had ſeparated from the other Members of the Presbytery, and admitted Mr. *Stewart* of *Kilwhinlick*

whinlick as Assistant and Successor to the Minister of *Kilmory*, notwithstanding of several Appeals taken to the Synod; the Settlement of Mr. *Stewart junior*, as Assistant and Successor to Mr. *Stewart senior* at *Kilmory*, declared void and null; the foresaid three Ministers, *viz.* Mr. *John Hamilton*, Mr. *Charles Stewart*, and Mr. *Robert Thomson*, who had separated from the Presbytery, and admitted Mr. *Stewart junior*, found to have acted so irregularly as to deserve high Censure.---The said Mr. *John Hamilton*, in regard he presided at the irregular Meeting, suspended from the Exercise of his Ministry for three Months from this Date, empowering, however, the Synod of *Argyle*, at their first Meeting, to take off the Suspension for the Remainder of the Time, if they see Cause.---The Presbytery of *Kintyre* enjoined to take proper Care of Mr. *Hamilton*'s Parish during the Suspension, by supplying it with Preaching, and baptizing the People's Children.---The Synod of *Argyle* appointed to call the other two Ministers, *viz.* Mr. *Robert Thomson* and Mr. *Charles Stewart*, before them, at their first Meeting, and, in the Assembly's Name, to rebuke them for their irregular Conduct, and to send up an Extract of their Minute, bearing their having done so, to the next General Assembly.---This Sentence appointed to be intimated from all the Pulpits within the Bounds of the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, betwixt and the last Day of *July* next. Mr. *John M'Alpine* appointed to preach in the Church of *Cardel*, and intimate the Sentence on any Sabbath betwixt and the first of *July*; and the said two Ministers cited to compear before the Synod of *Argyle* at their first Meeting. *Ibid.*

The Remark made on the Commission from the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, as mentioned in the Minutes of last Meeting, concerning the Election of Mr. *John Hamilton* and Mr. *Gershom Stewart*, considered.---Mr. *Hamilton* found to be the Member duly elected; and that it was not competent for the Presbytery, at an After-meeting, to alter that Election, but, in respect of his Suspension, that he is deprived of his Privilege as a Member. *Ibid.*

The Commencement of the six Months allowed to the Patron for presenting a qualified Person to be Minister of the Parish of *Oxnam*, declared to be from the 14th Day of *May* Current. *Ibid.*

A Sentence of the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, authorising the erecting of a second and separate Session in the Town of *Paisley*, reversed; and the erecting of a new or separate Session for the High Church of *Paisley*, till that Part of the Town shall be legally disjoined, and formed into a separate Parish, prohibited. *Ibid.*

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The Report of the Viſiters of the Commiſſion Book, brought in and read, *June* 1ſt, *Seſſ.* 7.

The Report of a Committee named by the Commiſſion in *November* laſt, to take proper Meaſures for having the Miniſters of this Church relieved of the Tax upon Window Lights, brought in and read, bearing their having made Application, for the Purpoſe above mentioned, to Perſons of Power and Intereſt, both here, by waiting on them, and at *London*, by Letters; and put into their Hands, or tranſmitted to them, a Memorial upon that Subject; but though they have Reaſon to believe that theſe Applications have meet with a very favourable Reception, what the Iſſue may be, cannot as yet be determined. This Affair remitted to a Committee, who are authoriſed to take the moſt prudent Meaſures, and make ſuch Applications, as may be moſt proper and expedient for obtaining an Explanation of the Law upon this Subject, in order to the Relief of the Miniſters from the from the ſaid Tax, provided that no Expence in making ſuch Application, be laid upon the public Funds of the Church, without the Authority of the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee appointed by the laſt General Aſſembly, for conſidering the Laws reſpecting the Election and Qualifications of Members of Aſſembly, and fixing the Forms of Commiſſions, and Atteſtations thereof, given in, and a Committee named to receive what has been prepared by the Committee of laſt Aſſembly, hear and conſider what they have further to lay before them on this Subject, ripen the whole Affair, and report to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly, to conſider the Caſe of *Patrick Hay*'s Marriage with his former Wife's Niece, brought in, and referred to the Commiſſion, with Power to them to judge and finally determine therein as they ſee Cauſe. *Ibid.*

The Commiſſion Book atteſted, and the Commiſſion thanked for their Faithfulneſs and Diligence in the Affairs commited to them. *Ibid.*

The following Cauſes, depending before the Commiſſion, and not determined by them, are referred to the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, with Power to them to do therein as they ſee Cauſe, *viz.* An Overture anent the Execution of Sentences of the ſupreme Courts:---An Overture anent planting of vacant Pariſhes:---To draw Rules ſtating the Method of Procedure in Cauſes before the Aſſembly.---To conſider the Power of Kirk-ſeſſions in the Management of the Poor's Money:---To conſider a Reference from the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, anent the Seſſion of *Cambuſlang*:---Appeals of *Michael Bell*,

David Johnſton, *John M'Taggart*, and his Spouſe, *John Ferrier*, *Quintin Dick*, and *David M'Murtrie*. *Ibid.*

The Accompts of the Agent for the Church, with the Report of the Committee on the public Accompts thereon, brought in, and ordered to lie on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

An Excuſe for the Procurator, why he could not attend this Aſſembly, as being neceſſarily detained by Buſineſs at *London*, offered and ſuſtained, and the Commiſſion empowered to receive and paſs his Accompts. *Ibid.*

An Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, concerning the Settlement of the New and College Churches of *Edinburgh*, brought in, and delayed till To-morrow; and a Committee named to take this Matter into Conſideration, in order to accommodate Differences among the Parties, and, if needful, to converſe with the Magiſtrates and Town-Council of *Edinburgh*, and all other Parties concerned, on what ſhall appear to be a proper Method of Accommodation; and to report to the Aſſembly at their Meeting To-morrow. *Ibid.*

The Members from the ſeveral Synods appointed to meet among themſelves, in order to bring in a Liſt of the Nominators of the Commiſſion, according to the 6th Act of Aſſembly 1705, *June* 2d, *Seſſ.* 8.

A Complaint for Mr. *Æneas Sage*, Miniſter at *Lochcarron*, againſt the Committee for Bills, for not tranſmitting an Appeal taken by him from a Judgment of the Synod of *Glenelg*, pronounced in a Cauſe depending before them, betwixt the Complainer and Mr. *Æneas Mac Aulay* Miniſter at *Applecroſs*, relating to a Sermon preached by Mr. *Mac Aulay*, againſt which the Complainer had Exceptions, referred to the Commiſſion at their Meeting in *November* next, and the Clerk to the Synod of *Glenelg* ſtrictly enjoined, betwixt and that time, to tranſmit all the proper Extracts relative to that Proceſs. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named Yeſterday, to conſider the Cauſe relating to the Settlement of the New and College Churches of *Edinburgh*, brought in and read. The Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, ordering the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, to fix Doctor *Hugh Blair* in the College Kirk, and Mr. *Henry Lundie* in the New Kirk, reverſed, and Doctor *Blair* found and declared to be Miniſter of the New Church, and Mr. *Lundie* to be Miniſter of the College Church. *Ibid.*

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A Letter from the Prince of *Saarbruick*, recommending an Application by the reformed Congregation at *Saarbruick*, for a Collection to be made in this Church, for the Relief of the ſaid Congregation, to enable them to pay the Debt they had contracted for building a Church, with the Opinion of the Committee for Overtures thereon, read and ordered to ly on the Table till next Aſſembly, and the Moderator appointed to write a Return to the ſaid Letter from the Prince of *Saarbruick*. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *Henry Gordon* Miniſter at *Arderſier*, ſetting forth the Smallneſs of his Stipend, and praying his Caſe might be recommended to the Managers of the Royal Bounty, read and remitted to the ſaid Managers. *Ibid.*

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A Sentence of the Presbytery of *Dunſe*, appointing a Day for the Moderation of a Call to Mr. *William Hume*, Miniſter at *Polwarth*, his Majeſty's Preſentee, to be Miniſter of *Fogo*, affirmed. and the Presbytery appointed to proceed to the Tranſportation of the ſaid Mr. *William Hume* from the Pariſh of *Polwarth*, and his Settlement as Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Fogo*. *Ibid.*

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A Recommendation to the ſeveral Pariſhes deficient in making the Collection for educating of *Iriſh* Students, ſtill to make the ſame, and tranſmit the Money collected, to *William Roſs* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Collector appointed for receiving thereof, *June* 5th, *Seſſ. ult.*

The Royal Warrant for 1000 *l.* granted this Year by his Majeſty, for Encouragement of Itinerant Preachers and Catechiſts, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *Thomas Nairn*, ſometime Miniſter at *Abotſhall*, who, on account of his Seceſſion from the Church, was depoſed from the Office of the Holy Miniſtry, by the Aſſembly 1740, read; the Sentence of Depoſition pronounced againſt the ſaid Mr. *Thomas Nairn* taken off, and he reponed to the Office of the Holy Miniſtry in this Church. *Ibid.*

A Petition by the Presbytery of *Dunoon*, in behalf of Mr. *James Lindſay*, Miniſter at *Strachur*, praying for ſome Allowance out of the public Funds of the Church, to enable him to carry on a Proceſs preſently depending, for an Addition to his Stipend, read, and the ſaid Mr. *Lindſay* declared to be a Creditor on the Church's Funds, to the Extent of 30 *l. Sterling*, but which is not to be paid until the other Debts already due by the Church are cleared off. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to ſee the principal Sum collected for building a place of public Worſhip in the *Enzie*, and Intereſt due thereupon at *Lammas* next, accumulated into one Sum, and lent out upon Bond. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commiſſion, and drawing Inſtructions to them, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for reviſing the Proceedings of the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly, for managing the Royal Bounty, bearing, as their Opinion, that Mr. *Blair*, Mi-

Miniſter at *Kinguiſie*, ſhould be ſtruck off the Scheme; and a Propoſal for applying Part of the Royal Bounty for educating of Students, having the *Iriſh* Language, in the Synod of *Glenelg*, brought in and read. What concerns Mr. *William Blair* remitted to the Committee to be named by this Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty; and the ſaid Propoſal remitted alſo to the foreſaid Committee, and they enjoined to take Care not to employ any Part of the Royal Bounty, otherways than in Terms of the Royal Grant; and the Royal Bounty Regiſter atteſted. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commiſſion, and Inſtructions to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompt of *James Edmonſtone*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Aſſembly; and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt, of a Balance of 23 *l.* 2 *s. Sterling* due to him. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Truſtees for managing the Fund for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows, &c. containing a State of the Fund under their Management, and an Account of their Proceedings ſince laſt Aſſembly, re produced, and ordered to be recorded in the ſeparate Regiſter kept for that Purpoſe. *Ibid.*

The Commiſſion empowered, in the Event of a Queſtion preſently depending in the Court of Seſſion, anent the Patronage of *Hutton* being determined, to take in, cognoſce, and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal that ſhall regularly be brought before them, relative to that Settlement. *Ibid.*

The Overtures tranſmitted by laſt Aſſembly to the ſeveral Presbyteries, again tranſmitted to ſuch Presbyteries as have neglected to ſend up their Opinions thereon. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion, at their firſt Meeting, after the riſing of the Aſſembly, to cognoſce and finally determine in an Appeal by the Elders and Communicants in the Presbytery of *Dornoch*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, adhering to their former Acts, by which they diſcharge Fellowſhip Meetings on the *Fridays* immediately preceeding the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of *Laurence Johnſton*, one of the Elders of the Pariſh of *Dron*, relative to the Settlement of that Pariſh, referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of *James Telfer* in *Petholm*, from a Judgment of the Synod of *Dumfries*, in a Proceſs of Scandal againſt him, referred to the Commiſſion, with Power to them to determine therein as they find juſt. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to cognoſce and finally determine in an Appeal taken by *Alexander Young* in *Roſamiln*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to cognoſce and finally determine in an Appeal of *Alexander Livingſton* in *Durie*, from a Judgment of the Synod of *Galloway* in a Proceſs of Scandal againſt him. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *Hugh Mowat*, Miniſter of the Pariſhes of *Evie* and *Rendal*, craving ſome Aſſiſtance out of the Church's public Funds, for carrying on Proceſſes for defending his Right to the Teinds of his Glebe, and for an Augmentation to his Stipend, read; and, in caſe he ſhall not be allowed Expences by the Court of Seſſion, a Sum not exceeding 20*l. Sterling* agreed to be given him, for carrying on the neceſſary Proceſſes for removing the Grievances he labours under; but not to be paid till the Church's other Debts are firſt cleared. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the Miniſter of *Lethundie* and others, with a Reference from the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, concerning an intended Annexation of the Pariſhes of *Lethundie* and *Kinloch*, referred to the Committee about the Window Tax, that they may lay a State of the ſame before the Commiſſion, and the Commiſſion impowered to do therein as they ſee Cauſe. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to the ſeveral Pariſhes deficient in making the Collection for carrying on the building of the Bridge of *Kelſo*, ſtill to make the ſaid Collection, and tranſmit the Money collected, to Mr. *Adam Fairholm* Merchant in *Edinburgh*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Aberdeen*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, and *Fife*, atteſted. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to call the Viſitors of the Synod Book of *Angus* and *Mearns* to account for their Abſence at this Diet; and, upon their Report, if they ſee Cauſe, to order the Book to be atteſted. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Moray*, *Roſs*, *Glenelg*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, *Argyle*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, abſent, and ordered to be brought up to be reviſed by the next Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Proteſtation admitted, at the Inſtance of the Magiſtrates and Town-Council of *Edinburgh*, againſt Mr. *Robert Dick*, one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*, for not inſiſting in an Appeal taken by him, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, appointing the Presbytery of *Edinburgh* to fix him in the College Kirk of *Edinburgh*. *Ibid.*

Proteſtation admitted, at the Inſtance of *Jean M'Ilwrath*, againſt *Nathaniel Harris*, for not inſiſting in an Appeal taken by him, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*. *Ibid.*

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Proteſtation admitted, at the Inſtance of the Presbytery of *Aberlarph*, againſt his Grace the Duke of *Gordon*, and his Tutors, and Mr. *Alexander Murray* Preacher of the Goſpel, for not inſiſting in an Appeal taken by them, from a Sentence of the ſaid Presbytery, rejecting a Preſentation by his Grace the Duke of *Gordon*, in Favours of the ſaid Mr. *Murray*, to be Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Laggan*. *Ibid.*

Liſt of Probationers in the Bounds of 23 Presbyteries, amounting to 75, produced, and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this Sederunt read, thoſe of former Sederunts having been read at the Diets ſubſequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to reviſe the Minutes of this Aſſembly's Proceedings at this and all the other Diets thereof, and to pitch upon ſuch of the Acts of this Aſſembly as are to be ſtanding Rules, or are of public Uſe, in order to their being printed. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Aſſembly, and to his Majeſty's Commiſſioner. *Ibid.*

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